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SUBJ: U.S. REBUTTAL ON REPORT OF SEEDING OF HURRICANE FIFI

REF: STATE 167180

1. AT LEAST ONE MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPER (CENTER-LEFT, EL SOL)  
CARRIED DENIAL OF NOAA ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATOR EPSTEIN RE  
SEEDING OF HURRICANE FIFI. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT ALSO CARRIED  
SUPPORTIVE COMMENTS BY SILVINO AGUILAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
MEXICAN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, TO EFFECT THAT HE "CATEGORICALLY  
DENIED SPECULATHION CONCERNING THE SUPPOSED DIVERSION OF  
HURRICANES BY THE UNITED STATES".

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2. CAPTAINAGUILAR FURTHERCOMMENTED THAT "IT IS POSSIBLE TO  
ALTER THEIR COURSE DURING THE PROCESS OF FORMATION, BUT NEVER  
WHEN THEY ALREADY ARE TROPICAL STORMS".

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT VIGOROUS DENIAL BY ADMINISTRATOR EPSTEIN, SUPPORTED BY CAPTAIN AGUILAR, WILL HELP DISPEL CHARGES BROUGHT BY VIVO. UNFORTUNATELY, MANNER IN WHICH VIVO'S CHARGES WERE CARRIED BY PRESS HAS TENDED TO ESTABLISH THEIR CREDIBILITY IN MINDS OF MOST MEXICAN READERS WHO MAY NOT HAVE READ EPSTEIN'S REBUTTAL. IN ANY EVENT, VIVO IS OBVIOUSLY POORLY INFORMED AND, ON BASIS OF PRESENT AND PAST EFFORTS (U.S. CUPABILITY FOR DROUGHTS IN NORTHERN MEXICO), APPEARS TO BE ENAMORED WITH SEEING HIS NAME IN PRINT IN CONNECTION WITH SENSATIONAL ALLEGATIONS RE U.S. WEATHER CONTROL. UNFORTUNATELY, HE MAY BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO DISCREDIT U.S. METEOROLOGICAL AGENCIES.

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